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Mayor Sanders Welcomes Tracy Jarman As Interim Chief of City's Fire-Rescue Department

Applicant Interviews Begin This Week for Selection of New Chief

SAN DIEGO – Tracy Jarman, a 22-year veteran of the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department, completed her first full day as Interim Chief of the City's Fire-Rescue Department today.

Jarman assumed the position following the recent resignation of Fire-Rescue Chief Jeff Bowman.

"Chief Jarman is a respected veteran of the City's Fire-Rescue Department, and I'm confident she'll be an excellent leader during this interim period," said Mayor Sanders. "Her familiarity with the department's personnel and systems makes her an excellent choice to ensure continuity and continued management efficiency in the department."

Mayor Sanders recently announced a timeline for selection of a new Chief for the City's Fire-Rescue Department. The week of June 5-11 a selection panel will be convened and begin to meet with the most qualified applicants. The following week a panel will conduct formal interviews with up to three finalists. On June 16, the panel will offer a final recommendation to the Mayor. Shortly thereafter, the Mayor will make a presentation to the City Council for confirmation. After confirmation the Mayor will make a formal offer of employment to the chosen candidate.

"I respect and look forward to participating in the selection process for the new chief," Jarman explained, "while at the same time focusing my efforts on continuing to provide direction to the 1,260 uniformed and civilian Fire-Rescue personnel as they serve the public daily."